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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Sutton et al.

Serial No.: 09/382,561

Filing Date: August 25, 1999

For: SPRAY-DRIED MICROPARTICLES
AND THEIR USE AS THERAPEUTIC
VEHICLES



Examiner: Unassigned

Group Art Unit: 1616

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment for consideration prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-19.

--20. (new) A therapeutic composition for administration via the pulmonary airways comprising substantially dry, discrete microcapsules having a solid wall formed of a non-denatured, water-soluble wall-forming material, wherein said microcapsules are hollow and

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